

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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CAUVERY WATER DISPUTE
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of meetings of Cauvery River Authority held since its inception to resolve the dispute of sharing of water between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka;
- (b) the details of contention of dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and the present status thereof; and
- (c) the details of action taken by the Union Government for finding a lasting solution to the Cauvery water dispute?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (c) Cauvery River Authority (CRA) is charged only with giving effect to the implementation of interim order of Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) dated June 25, 1991 and related subsequent orders and not to resolve the dispute of sharing of water between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. The CRA has held six meetings so far. The Central Government has constituted CWDT under the provisions of Inter-State Water Dispute Act, 1956 in June 1990 to adjudicate the Cauvery water dispute between the States of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka and Union Territory of Pondicherry. The Tribunal has passed an interim order on June 25, 1991 and has held regular hearings for adjudicating the Cauvery water dispute.